

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Norbert Miller et al.  
Serial No: 09/769,829  
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Title: Method for the Automation of Allocation Processes for Products and/or  
Services  
Examiner: Michael J. Fischer  
Art Unit: 3689

**Commissioner for Patents**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

In response to the office action dated 2/15/2011, please amend the instant application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The claims are amended as shown in the attached marked-up complete list of claims.